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MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

On the Savannah Division of the Southern Railway.

Enumerating the improvements on the Savannah division of the Southern the Columbia State recently said:

"In the last six months a number of new trestles have been constructed and the work is still going on, the trestle of greatest importance and interest to this city being the construction of a new steel bridge to replace the present structure over the Congaree river between this city and Cayces. Forces of hands are now at work enlarging the piers, and as soon as this work is ready the work of building the new bridge will begin. It will be a splendid piece of bridge work, and will be of the required standard to carry the heaviest engines.

"Since January 1 the Southern has completed a new iron bridge over Steel Creek between Fort Mill and Pineville and a standard steel bridge over the Catawba river between Rock Hill and Fort Mill. It has also put new steel girders over Seegar road, the Gervais street crossing and Starks trestle, the three short bridges in this city. New steel girders are now being placed over the main stream of the South Edisto, between Springfield and Blackville.

"A fine seven span steel bridge has just been completed over Broad river at Alston on the Columbia and Greenville railroad, and another new steel bridge has recently been built on this road over Little river between Silver street and Saluda Old Town.

"The work of laying heavier rails on the main line between Charlotte and Savannah, and on the Columbia and Greenville and the Columbia, Spartanburg and Asheville branches is now progressing. About 55 miles of 75 pound rails are being taken up between Wigginsboro and Edmunds and replaced by 80 pound rails. The 75 pound rail released by this change will be laid between Columbia and Spartanburg, displacing the 60 pound rail now in use there. The 60 pound rail will then be laid between Alston and Greenville, releasing 30 miles of 50 pound rail, which will be used for sidings and spur tracks.

"The many hundreds of people from all over this state who travel over the Saluda grade every year, will be pleased to know that contractors are at work putting in a large culvert preparatory to filling the big trestle on Saluda mountain. The Southern is continually making substantial improvements on this part of the road."

SENATOR OVERMAN.

He Talks Interestingly of His Great Trip West and Visit to Oregon.

It was a signal honor to our State that Senator Overman was appointed on the congressional committee to visit the great west and to participate in the opening of the famous Lewis-Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon. Of this delegation Congressman Cannon was president of the House committee and Vice-President Fairbanks of the Senate branch.

There are a number of historical incidents connected with this exposition which are most interesting to an incident of history and which we hope Senator Overman may give to his friends and the general public in some permanent shape.

The one hundredth anniversary of the discovery of this section, the Oregon territory, may serve to emphasize anew, the wisdom and foresightedness of Thos. Jefferson, who not only knew more than any other man of his day, but who has actually done more to put this country forward in a commercial sense, than any man who has ever lived upon the American continent. The Louisiana purchase alone would have been a great achievement in the life of any individual; one, he had the wisdom to purchase, the other he showed the genius of a discoverer.

This magnificent section is an original discovery, by the direction of Thos. Jefferson. It is said that England was hastening to find and appropriate this great section, now making five of the greatest states in the union. The would-be English discoverers, were of course, obliged to reach it by water, while Jefferson, who was always alert and equal to any emergency, dispatched Lewis and Clark across the continent and who reached this modern land of promise, in advance of their English cousins and had taken formal possession of the territory when the water crew arrived. These men were piloted across the continent by an Indian maiden, who led the way while she carried an infant on her back. This, so Senator Overman says, is beautifully demonstrated in the two statues of Lewis and Clark, and the Indian maiden just in front, pointing them to this rich discovery. Senator Overman and his partner caught one hundred pounds of fine trout, in an hour's fishing in a lake 800 feet above the level of the sea.

His description of the beauties of Yellowstone Park, would read like a novel, and would be greatly enjoyed if put in substan-

tical form. He found many North Carolinians on his trip, several from our town and county. These men are for the most part rich, having grown up with the country.

While in Oregon, Senator Overman wore his heavy flannels and his leggings, and storm overcoat. Think of it, he was in the Pullman sleeper seventeen nights, on the trip and traveled more than 900 miles.

The farmers are now busy sowing wheat, and the snow storm is almost a daily occurrence. The sun shines in at your window said the Senator about three o'clock in the morning, and the chickens go to roost at ten o'clock at night.

Even Senator Overman was amazed at the push, the energy and the wonderful enterprise of those western people. The irrigation of the soil is among the greatest enterprises of this country. Water on this arid soil, makes it blossom like the rose.

The government is, making large appropriations for this, and also for the erecting of good roads. This is only a few scraps which Senator Overman threw out this morning, but as before stated, he will give to his friends something worth their study and careful thought upon his trip to this magnificent section of the country.

Senator Overman remarked that the thousands of people visiting Yellowstone Park, more than three-fourths of them are foreigners.

They have read our school books, studied maps, and to satisfy his desires has come across the ocean to see the sights; the splendid scenery, the rich gold and silver mines; the thousands of sheep, cattle and horses that graze upon these vast plains and towering mountains. The world has nothing like it and strange to say, this splendid, this wonderful possession is the greatest secret to our own people.—Salsbury Sun.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

Weak and Cowardly Officers the Curse of the Country.

The only open and bold attempt of the beef trust to bring pressure to bear on the government to prevent the prosecution of its agents and officials is but one of many recent instances showing the utter misconception that exists in the minds of many persons as to the majesty of the law and their proper attitude toward it. Illustrations on a smaller scale, but similar in kind, were recently given in Kansas City, where an automobile owner became greatly incensed because the city attorney proposed to prosecute him for not having taken out a license, when in fact he had done so after the warrant was issued and served on him. And another automobilist pleaded as his excuse for violating the law that he had thought the law would not be enforced.

Still another instance was furnished the other day by a saloon-keeper, a former policeman, who in all seriousness opposed the enforcement of the law against saloons in the vicinity of the parks on the ground that it would cause him a pecuniary loss.

Such instances might be multiplied without end, for the newspapers teem with them, to evidence the state of the popular mind on the subject and the laxity of public respect for the law. Of course, in some cases the trouble is that individuals, especially of a certain class have come to imagine that they are above and beyond the law which they consider is designed chiefly, if not entirely, to protect society against the low class of common criminals. When they are caught in its meshes they believe themselves to be the victims of misfortune or undue zeal on the part of the officers of the law—anything in short but their own fault.

The trouble mainly arises, however, from the laxity of the law's enforcement by its sworn officers. The pusillanimity of public officials, according to the late Senator Ingalls, is the curse of the country. The law is plenty strong enough, but its human agents are too weak and cowardly. The public welfare and their sworn obligations count for little against private interest or political influence. This state of things, which is almost unknown abroad, is so widespread as to be almost universal in America, and it especially obtains in the large cities. Looseness in enforcing the law was the foundation of Macaulay's prediction that when large cities grew up in America they would furnish the seed of the decay of the republic.—Kansas City Journal.

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"Stop! Look! Listen!"

Few Suggestions to Men and Boys on Cigarette Smoking.

The writer was driving towards a country church a little more than a year ago, and as he drove near a railroad he saw the three words that head this article. At the crossing on either side of the track was a sign, composed of these three words: "Stop! Look! and Listen!!" I was very much impressed by the signs, and I have often wondered if all who cross the track at that point, "Stop, Look and Listen."

My purpose is to make a few suggestions to men and boys, and especially the boys concerning that great evil, known as cigarette smoking.

Many of them have failed to notice the sign as they attempt to cross the track of Life, and have been run over by the awful train of death. Stop friends, and think a moment. Can you afford to trade your life for a little pleasure? If you can you must have a small estimate fixed upon life. There is very little in life for a boy or young man who is away. I used to be a cigarette smoker. Now don't say you can't stop, for "can't" never did anything, but men with a will power have done many, many wonderful things.

You need not try to taper off, you will never stop that way. I used to be a cigarette smoker, and I know whereof I speak. You need not swear off either, you will hardly quit then, but be a man, make up your mind fully, and between you and your God say, "I'll never smoke another cigarette while I live," and stick to it. You will be surprised to know how very easy it will be to leave them off.

Ask Him who is able to save to give you the will power if you haven't it already, and I can speak from experience. He is sure to grant your request if you ask in faith. If you continue smoking cigarettes you will, sooner or later be sent to an asylum, to a hospital or probably everlasting destruction.

According to the Bible a drunkard cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven and I don't believe there is any more Heaven for the cigarette fiend than there is for the drunkard. Whiskey degrades a man, but cigarettes not only degrade a man but they rob him of his intellect, and a man without any intellect is really worse off than a man in the gutter, for many of the men in the gutters today, are men of great intellect, but you don't find them among the cigarette fiends.

Old men, young men and boys especially, "Stop! Look! and Listen!!" before you attempt to cross the track. Would you dare meet Christ at the last day with a cigarette in your mouth? God forbid that you may be so careless, for I don't believe He would say, "Come in ye blessed, and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," or "enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," but rather, "Depart from Me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels."

Endeavor to live a nobler and purer life, that the dear young men and boys growing up around you may be influenced to follow in your footsteps.

May the God of our fathers help you to see what a great mistake you are making and may you "stop, look and listen," before it is everlastingly and eternally too late.

Sincerely,
"AN EX-FIEND,"
In Charlotte News.

LAUGH LONG AND LOUD.

Physical Results of the Exercise Upon the "System" of Those Who Indulge.

The immediate physical results of indulgence in laughter are humorous. In the first place, the act of laughing involves the exercise of a large number of muscles, including many of those of the face, neck, chest and abdomen, which, if they are exercised sufficiently, often become correspondingly well developed, as do also all of those glands, blood vessels, nerves and other tissues in intimate connection with them.

The facial muscles, for example, of the man who laughs often and easily are generally developed to a degree which gives him the facial rotundity of a contented child. But the laughter accomplishes much more than the production of this mere outward appearance of well-being. It has a highly beneficial influence on those two vital organs, the heart and the lungs.

During what is called a "fit" of laughter the lungs may be almost completely emptied of their contained air. Fresh air is then drawn into the fullest extent of their capacity, inflating, perhaps, those little-used air cells which contained previously only stagnant air and bacilli—for in the shadow breathing we ordinarily practice comparatively large tracts of air cells are not used. During this process the general circulation is accelerated, impure air is hurried out of the system and fresh air hurried in. With the forcible ascent and descent of the dia-

phragm during inspiration and expiration the liver and other abdominal organs undergo a kind of kneading not unlike that undergone during massage, and which is of great benefit in rousing them from that torpor to which they are liable.

The heart is also stimulated to more vigorous contraction during the active cachinnatory process. Persons who, so to speak, let themselves go, and laugh with a will, sometimes bring almost all the principal muscles of the body into play, twisting, turning and bending themselves almost double in sheer muscular exhilaration.

It is a matter of every-day experience that one feels the better for a good laugh, an explosion of laughter being in truth, a nerve storm, comparable in its effect to a thunder storm in nature (on a very small scale), doing good by dissipating those oppressive clouds of care which sometimes darken the mental horizon.—The London Chronicle.

TAR HEELS AT RE-UNION.

Attracted the Greatest Attention in the Line of March.

The North Carolina delegation was strongly in evidence at the Confederate re-union in Louisville, and the following from the Louisville Courier Journal telling of the march, will be read with interest:

The North Carolina soldiers with their Tar Heel insignia, and famous hornets' nests were next in the line and attracted more attention than any other divisions of the department. Gen. Julian S. Carr was in command. His staff officers were Col. H. A. London, chief of staff, Majors Jack Rhinehart, George H. Hall, J. S. Harris, J. J. Wolfenden and R. P. Paderson.

The Tar Heel State Camp represented four brigades. Gen. W. L. London commanded the Second brigade, Gen. James J. Metts the Third brigade and Gen. J. M. Ray the Fourth brigade.

The carriage in the North Carolina line was occupied by Miss Arabel Nash, division sponsor; Miss Hal Morton, division of honor, and Capt. Ed. Taylor, Jr., escort of honor.

Next came the famous Mecklenburg company with its insignia of large hornets' nests carried aloft on poles. The hornets' nests were adopted by this company to perpetuate a saying of Lord Cornwallis, of Revolutionary fame, to effect that Mecklenburg county was the "Hornets' Nest of America," and that there was a Yankee in every bush.

The soldiers of this state boast that they were "First at Bethel, farthest at Chickamauga and last at Appomattox," explaining that they lost the first soldier at Bethel, were farthest in the van at Chickamauga and fired the last gun at Appomattox. This division was also conspicuous for three other reasons, namely: Its tattered battle-flags; some of which had been restored and others never surrendered, its original drum corps and its band of Cherokee Indians, the latter of the following names: Souate Owl, Bird Silometa, Jess Reed, Wesley Crow, Teina Saunook, James Kegg, Jess Woriah, Jess Tekeeskee, Jess Cogana and Sequa Skeele, boast of having belonged to the last regiment that surrendered east of the Mississippi river. The North Carolina Veterans Corps of four musicians aroused enthusiasm along the entire line of march.

Your food must be properly digested and assimilated to be of any value to you. If your stomach is weak or diseased take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and gives the stomach a rest, enabling it to recuperate, take on new life and grow strong again. Kodol cures sour stomach gas, bloating, heart palpitation an all digestive disorder. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

Good for High Point.

High Point, June 23.—Postmaster General Cortelyou has closed the contract with the Dalton Furniture Company to furnish routing tables and stools for the postoffice department. The contract calls for four years and will amount to \$160,000 or more. The Dalton Furniture Company is to be congratulated in receiving this order.

Shuford-Anderson.

Mr. Rena Anderson, of Etowah, and Miss Rena Shuford, of Penrose, were married at the Blue Ridge Inn on Friday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. A. Sample. The wedding march was played by J. C. Hanlett, of Richmond, Va. John C. Woodfin was best man and Miss Belle Drake was maid of honor. The newly married couple left on the evening train for a trip to Knoxville, Tenn.

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BRIEF PERSONAL SKETCHES.

BY S. V. PICKENS.

The name of Edney is very old and numerous in Henderson county. The oldest one I knew was Marvin, who lived here long before the county was formed. He left many descendants; I can give only a few of the younger ones, and do not know how many of these are descended from Marvin.

Jas. M. Edney was an editor. Bayless Edney was a prominent lawyer in "antibellum" days. He was cruelly and brutally murdered at Edneyville, in this county, in the last days of the civil war. He was captain of the "Henderson Grays," a company from this county. Lucius and Rufus lived near and at Edneyville, the former has long been a justice of the peace, a farmer, and raised several children. Rufus was a justice of the peace and for a long time a county commissioner; he is dead. He had three sons: T. A. was a Confederate soldier. Asa and Govan Edney lived between Edneyville and Bat Cave. They were farmers and good citizens. The Edneys were generally Methodists and democrats. C. J. Edney and Sidney are sons of Asa. The clever proprietor of "Edney Inn" is a son of Govan.

Capt. William Reese was a citizen of this county from its formation to his death some years ago; he was a farmer and a mechanic; lived on Mud Creek; was a good man. Jas., Rev. W. B. and Thomas were his sons.

L. J. Reese had long been a resident of Hendersonville up to his death several years ago. His widow, Aunt Lydia, survived him several years. She was much esteemed by her neighbors. W. P. Reese was a son of L. J. and a faithful soldier in the Southern army.

M. M. Patton was before the war a very prosperous man, was long in the mercantile business, and was a fine business man; was a justice of the peace until his death. He married Miss Spann. By her he raised several children, of whom Mrs. C. C. Jordan only, resides here. Some of the boys now live in South Carolina.

A few years after the war John Jordan came to this county, settled on the Ridge and farmed until his death some years ago. He was a Baptist and democrat. Our townsmen G. C. and Henry Jordan are his sons. Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Stepp, Mrs. Scott Young and Miss Florence Jordan are his daughters.

Scott was a son of William Young, an old citizen of the Blue Ridge section, who was well known in the county. C. C. Young, our clever fellow-townsmen was also a son of William. C. C. married a daughter of William Pace, an old citizen and farmer, of Blue Ridge township, who died a few years ago. Frank, Hiram, William and Toms are sons of William Pace and Mrs. Hill is a daughter. I believe their mother, Mrs. Wm. Pace, was a Staton, and a sister to John, Jesse, Benjamin and Taylor. John lived many years in Blue Ridge township, was a good man and citizen, a republican and Baptist. Our townsmen Hilliard, a lawyer, Frank and Dexter Staton are his sons. I think Mrs. John Staton was a Williams, and a daughter of Wattie Williams, a well-doing farmer on the headwaters of Hungry Creek. He was an old man when Henderson county was named. He was a republican and Baptist of the old school. His son Benjamin Williams is a farmer, a good citizen, has lived in Henderson county since its formation, and is of same religious faith and politics as his father. He is the father of our popular, good looking townsman, Jonathan Williams, who has held many positions of honor in Henderson county. He has often been alderman and mayor of Hendersonville, sheriff of the county, and for one term a member of the state legislature. He was for many years depot agent at Hendersonville. Jonathan adheres to the family faith in politics and religion. He is now an active real estate dealer.

Years ago when a teacher, he and E. M. Merril, now a surveyor, were together teaching a high school in Buncombe; that they might get to teach the public school of the district in which the high school was located, it was necessary for one of them to be examined. As Ely claimed and Jonathan conceded him to be the better scholar, Ely went, was examined, and returned to Williams with a third grade certificate. Of course Jonathan was surprised, and said it would never do, he was going himself. He went to Asheville. The next morning he bought a fine suit of clothes, called on the chairman of the board of examiners, introduced himself as Mr. Williams, of Henderson county, and returned late in the night, woke Ely, and showed him a first grade certificate all round. After examining it carefully, Ely dropped back to bed and said: "It was your clothes and not your brain that did it."

In this connection I will state that Ely Merrell was long a teacher, but of late

years has given most of his time and attention to surveying, in which he is very efficient. He also is a Baptist and a republican; he is a conscientious and honest man, full of fun, if not too busy likes to tell and hear anecdotes. He is a farmer and fruit grower. His brother John, I think, also a farmer, fruit grower and good citizen, lives on Clear Creek in Henderson county. Do not know their father's name, and now too late to learn it. I think the Williams, Statons and Merrills are much and generally related, but the relationship is so interwoven and includes so many of Adam's fallen race, that without some help by them, I cannot be expected to approach correctness or completeness.

I knew James Jackson, a farmer, who long lived on Clear Creek, near Fruitland Institute. He was a substantial citizen, was elected county commissioner just before his death a few years ago at the age of about 65. He had three sons, B. B., John and Brownlow. B. B. Jackson has long been city marshal. Brownlow is one of our city council. They are republicans and are good money makers; both widowers, and—

W. E. Jackson, of Sugar Loaf, was for a long time a good citizen of this county.

W. E. Jackson, of Hendersonville, is of the same name, do not know how he is related to the above named Jacksons. He has lived in the county since its formation, is a mason by trade. He married a daughter of Thos. E. Justice. Wesley, James, David and Thomas Jackson, of Hendersonville, are their children. Thomas has been a member of the town council. Mrs. Nancy Lyda and Mrs. Wilburn Garren were also daughters of Thos. E. Jackson.

Where are you sick? Headache, foul-tongue, no appetite, lack energy, pain in your stomach, constipation? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 35 cents.

A BLESSING TO THE STATE.

Great Work of North Carolina Home Society at Greensboro.

As we have had occasion heretofore to remark, one of the most beneficial organizations in this state is the North Carolina Children's Home Society, with its headquarters in Greensboro, with Col. W. H. Geborn president and Mr. Wm. B. Street-er State superintendent. The society held its annual meeting in Greensboro last week and these officers and others were re-elected. The mission of the society is to look up and place in suitable homes orphan or otherwise unprovided-for children, and The Record says the report of the secretary to the meeting last week of the work of the society since September 15, 1903, the date when the work was begun, makes the following showing:

"Children received, 89; children placed, 82; children on hand, 7. Children placed in families, 76; children in institutions, 4; children died; 1; children returned to county, 1; applications for children received, 230; applications rejected, 55. Children have been received from the following counties: Buncombe, 29; Burke, 1; Catawba, 1; Davidson, 2; Guilford, 3; Haywood, 2; Macon, 2; Madison, 2; McDowell, 1; Mecklenburg, 1; New Hanover, 6; Rowan, 4; Stokes, 2; Surry, 1; Wake, 10; Wayne, 4. Total, 89.

"During the year 54 new children were received by the society, and \$4,774.97 was contributed to the support of the cause. It may be interesting to note that \$729 was collected by means of the cradles used as collection boxes. The society has been able to answer the call of every child in need, and not a single child has been left unprovided for on account of inability to secure a home. The youngest child received was three weeks old and the oldest a girl of sixteen."—Charlotte Observer.

All of which is a fine record for a worthy cause. Don't neglect your duty when called upon to help the little ones.

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A Handsome Present.

The new Methodist church at Shaw's Creek has been the happy recipient of a silver communion service from the hands of Mrs. Hattie Scott. Two handsome collection plates are given with the service. The cost of the entire lot \$31.00. This is a noble gift from a good woman and is thoroughly appreciated by the Methodists of Shaw's Creek community.